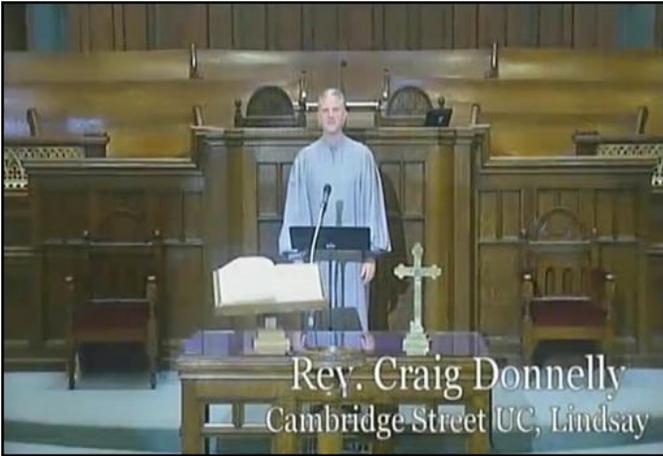


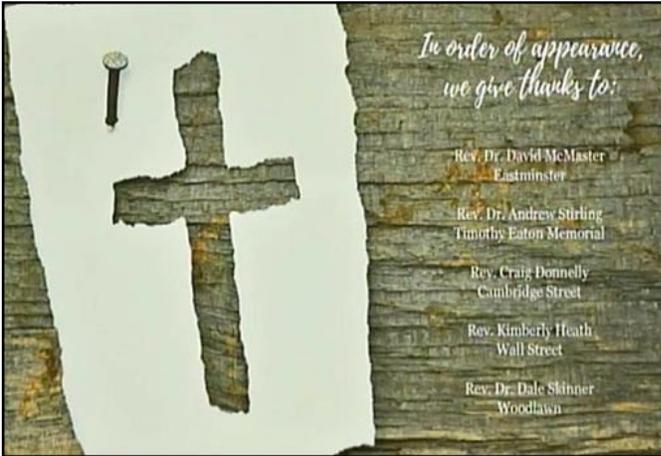
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Canada-Wide Good Friday Church Service



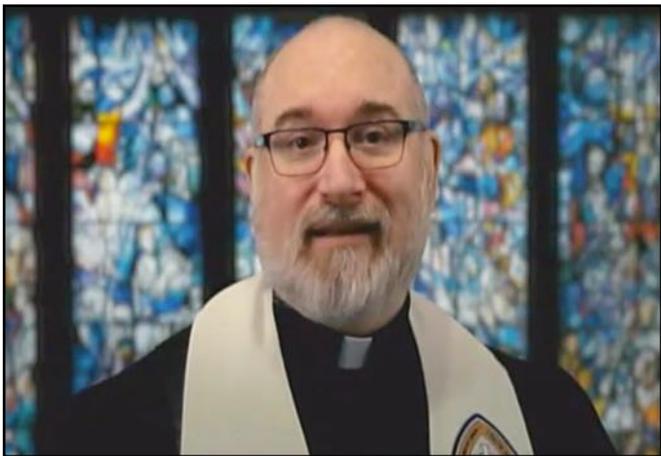
It was an honour to have Rev Craig participating with ministers from across Canada, including the Moderator.



The list of participants in this Good Friday service that was streamed across the country.



The Timothy Eaton Memorial Choir from Toronto



Right Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada

Photo Gallery

Noon Hour Concerts



Martin Neuland, trumpet with Barb Vant Erve, accompanist



Lisa and Dan Knapp, Broadway Lovers with Gael Morrison, accompanist (not shown)



Gael Morrison, piano and Erwin Strobach, organ



Alan Ely, singer and storyteller



Janis Neuland, clarinet with Lynne Davis, accompanist



Handbell Quartet: Angelique Strobach, Cathy Puffer, Janis Neuland and Vivian Warren

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8

The stories about Jesus, started by his first-century followers, have been passed down to us faithfully for two thousand years. They are stories that have stood the test of time — the same yesterday and today and forever. How the Christian community understands and interprets these stories develops and deepens over time. How we apply these stories to our lives and world continually changes over time.

Can Jesus be already awaiting us in our future? Right now, the future seems so uncertain and unsettling. The present third wave of COVID-19 is far worse than the first. Can we commit an unknown future, the health of the world, and the well-being of our loved ones into Jesus’ care?

Throughout its history, the church has felt that it was incredibly important to pass down stories about the great lengths that Jesus would go to help and to heal those in desperate situations, those on the margins of society, those who the world, for seemingly no apparent or adequate reason, had left behind or cast away. Don’t we need to allow the ripples of these stories to wash over our souls to renew and refresh us once again?

Jesus was, is and will always be available for wounded persons along life’s narrow way. He took time to listen to people. He bestowed upon them dignity and respect. He lifted them out of distress and despair, to set them on higher and holy ground. Through his words and actions — and love — Jesus continues to change the world — and us — yesterday and today and for ever.



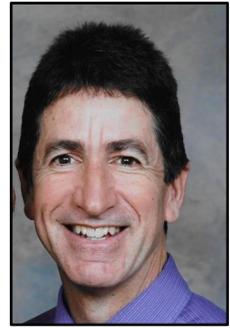
Rev. Craig thanks Brenda De Koker for her years of service as Chair of the Church Council on March 28, 2021.



Rev. Craig conducted the Easter Sunday Service on April 4, 2021.

Photo Credit: Mert Davis

There's a saying: if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. With the ongoing pandemic, it seems like two steps forward and one step backwards, with the latest, two steps backwards. With our bell groups and chamber choir starting again in March, we fortunately made it to Easter, but with the latest shutdown (lockdown), it looks like no more rehearsals before the summer so back to the drawing board.



However, we were able to have another fabulous Noon Hour Concert series and with the wisdom of the Music Team, decided to only livestream. Although our performers would have preferred an audience, what has proven to be a blessing is the number of viewers tuning in. We had well over 3,000 viewers tuning in to the six concerts. By livestreaming, folks from across Canada, many parts of the United States, and several countries around the world got to enjoy these wonderful concerts. What a blessing to have friends and family tune in who otherwise would never have had the opportunity. A special thanks to all our performers, to Walt who made it all possible and to the many who made donations that totalled over \$1,000.

So as COVID-19 drags on, there are many positives that have resulted as we have had to adjust. I have had the opportunity to compose more (partly out of necessity) and I have started practising for fun (pieces I have wanted to tackle for I can't remember how long). My church office should be completely cleaned up and organized by summer's end (it won't have looked this good since it was remodelled) and I'm starting to discard old music that no longer has any use.

What the music programme will look like this fall is anyone's guess. I certainly hope all groups can be up and running in some capacity. I'll probably have three separate plans: A, B, and C — God will laugh and tell me to go with "D"!

Stay safe, blessings: Erwin



Chamber Choir, March 28, 2021



Worship Band, April 4, 2021



The U.C.W. Executive met in March and decided to postpone Unit meetings until September but hope that our Rebekah and Hannah Unit members will keep in touch with each other. A special thanks to the women and men who helped with the successful fruit pie sale. The freezers were emptied and turned off and the refrigerators cleaned out which was much appreciated. Despite the closure of U.C.W. groups' fundraising across Canada, the donations to the National U.C.W. initiative, "Women for Change in Zambia" have reached \$50,166.69! Due to lack of fundraising by our U.C.W., we regret having to cancel sponsorship of our Honduran child, Genesis Fernandez at this time. We have sent a letter of our wishes for her future success. I was pleased to join a Zoom meeting for the AGM of Kawartha Highlands Presbytery which connected everyone with other church friends in or Presbytery and included speakers from Kawartha Lakes Police and Ross Memorial Hospital. The Kawartha Mission, which accepts milk bags for their projects, have requested that bags be flattened and either folded or rolled together for easier use by the volunteers. Many thanks for the continued support of U.C.W. with your donations.

Cambridge Street United Church acted quickly when our General Council voted in October 2020 for the United Church of Canada to become an officially anti-racist church. The call fit our congregation's commitment in Our Affirming Covenant, so our Affirming Ministry Action Group began planning Sunday Lenten Discussions on the theme, Standing Together Against Racism: That We May Be One.

First Lenten Discussion, Feb. 14 (on Zoom): The important message from Morgan and Olivia Reeve, our guest speakers, included how nervous they feel when they hear racist comments on the streets of Lindsay and in their high school. As their church family, we heard their trust in us and also the challenge to us: "Having this understanding group at church makes me very happy," Olivia said, adding; "It's very important for white people to learn how to step in and de-escalate a situation....Sometimes a white person [who is being racist] just needs to hear it from another white person." In Morgan's words, "If you don't speak up, you're part of the issue."



Photo Credit: Erin Burrell

In the breakout groups, participants made good suggestions about how we could become anti-racist within our congregation (anti-racist books in library) and in the wider community (partnering with agencies that share our anti-racist values, such as the local school board).

Second Lenten discussion, Feb. 28 (on Zoom): We watched videos about white identity and privilege, and learned the difference between being "non-racist" (passive) and "anti-racist" (active). Participants expressed a strong interest in learning more. Books, articles and videos were suggested for white people who want to learn how to be effective, anti-racist allies.

Third Lenten Discussion, March 14: The guest speaker at our worship service was the Rev. Dr. Aruna Alexander, who leads the Anti-racism, Intercultural/Interfaith Group of the Justice Forum at our Central East Ontario Regional Council. Presenting a theological framework for becoming an anti-racist church, she said, "We can't take the Trinity seriously if we don't truly welcome all people and develop relationships." Her powerful message included a timeline of the abolition of slavery followed by a slideshow amplifying the positive impact racialized people have made around the world.



In the question and answer time with the congregation after the service, Rev. Aruna encouraged us, as a predominantly white congregation, to learn more about black people and people of colour in our wider community by developing intercultural, interfaith relationships.

Our Affirming Ministry Action Group will soon begin implementing the actions suggested at the Lenten Discussions. As an anti-racist church, we also hope to study Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples. Our entire congregation is invited to participate! Just send me a quick email at patriciajane@sympatico.ca and you're in!

Congratulations to Our High School Grads

Patricia Jane Teskey

Our graduates this year deserve special congratulations for completing high school under the extra stress of COVID restrictions. Well done! As you journey on your future path, may you know your church family is here for you. Home or away, stay in touch with us. God be with you!



Tara Nagel: Graduating from I.E. Weldon Secondary School, Tara plans to enter the International Studies and Modern Languages program at the University of Ottawa. For the past three years, she has enjoyed participating in the Voices of Victory choir and the badminton nights organized by Erwin. One of Tara's favourite childhood memories is of church picnics at the train park/Lindsay Memorial Park and "playing on the climber with the other church kids." Other happy memories are of "playing octopus with all the other kids after the service and juice every week, or racing everyone to get a slice of cake when it was served on special occasions." Tara adds, "Thank you to everyone who made growing up at Cambridge Street so special."



Kyle Peters: Graduating from I.E. Weldon Secondary School, Kyle has decided to study and work in Lindsay for another year before making decisions about post-secondary. He has been "thrilled" to participate in the youth choir and plays. Kyle has also enjoyed Erwin's gym nights, playing games and sports with his friends. "We would always leave with a smile!" he says. One very special memory is the choir trip to New York City in 2016. The hard work of memorizing and learning to perform "countless" songs paid off, Kyle remembers: "The sights, activities and memories from this trip were captivating. I will cherish this opportunity for a very long time. Thank you for everything Cambridge Street United Church!" You may reach Kyle at Kyle427Sask@gmail.com

My Special Tree

Jim Phelps

Many people have a favourite or special tree. It may be growing in your back yard, along a familiar path, or in a forest. The tree may no longer actually exist, but you remember it from years gone by.



The Faith Development Team of Cambridge Street United Church invites you to write a short piece (no more than 200 words, please) about your favourite tree. Tell why this tree is special to you; maybe share something that happened at your tree and what it meant to you. If you wish, include a picture of your tree. Remember to add your name at the top or bottom.

Then ... just email your written piece to Jim Phelps at JimPhelps@cogeco.ca (Jim is the leader of the Faith Development Team.) He will post it on our church's website. Then you will be sharing your special tree with others and can also read about everyone else's special tree. This opportunity is open to everyone, no matter how young or old you may be!

Pentecost - God's Message to Our World

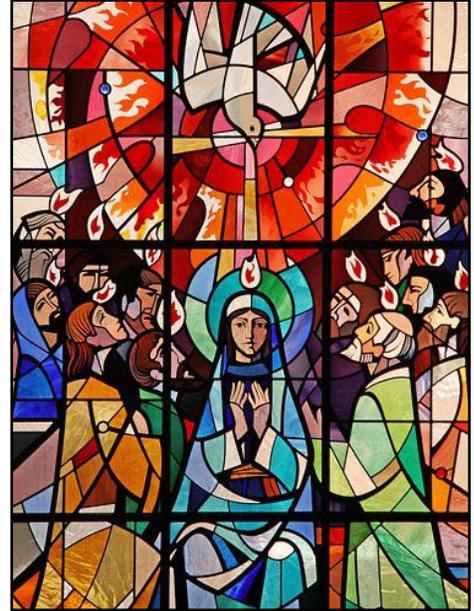
Carole Tully

To the earth came winds and flame
As Jesus came to the Apostles again.
Then suddenly the Apostles spoke in different tongues
As they shared Christ's messages with everyone!

Jesus, to heaven, did then ascend,
Yet his love for us does never end.
Thus, we should let our Saviour in
Because He forgives us of all our sin!

Open ourselves each day through,
To face challenges, show compassion too!
In this, our troubled world, may we be strong
Ever choose the right is our humble song.

Jesus, Holy Spirit, to us all You came,
Always bless-ed be your name.
Be with your people, Holy Trinity,
From this day to eternity!



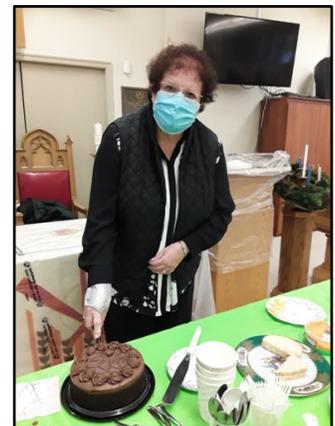
Wishes For Robin

Diane Bernard and Jean Robinson

The Congregational Care Team met on April 2 to wish Rev. Robin Thomson well and say thank you for the time she has shared with us and with so many people at Cambridge Street We had lunch and enjoyed time together talking about the happenings in our lives during the long shutdown due to COVID-19: the many books we read, the long walks, the telephone calls to friends and family, and for some of us, house renovations which made for funny storytelling! We also reflected on how difficult it has been to carry out our purpose at a distance and how important it is to remain vigilant. Rev. Robin was always there to remind us to continue to do our best to keep contact with "our flock".

Our wish for Rev. Robin:

May every corner of your world be warmed by the springtime sun,
And blossom with the newfound joy of life that's just begun.
May the loveliness of spring be in your heart always!



Rooted in Love

Jo-Ellen Abercrombie

*L*ike a tree that stands strong and mighty and true
As it reaches still higher up into the blue,
I see myself like it as time drifts on by,
Growing and changing yet still reaching high.

You planted my seed and I grew with your care,
With your patience and guidance and lessons to share.
Your tears offered water, your smiles brought the sun,
Your praise warmed my being when summers were done.

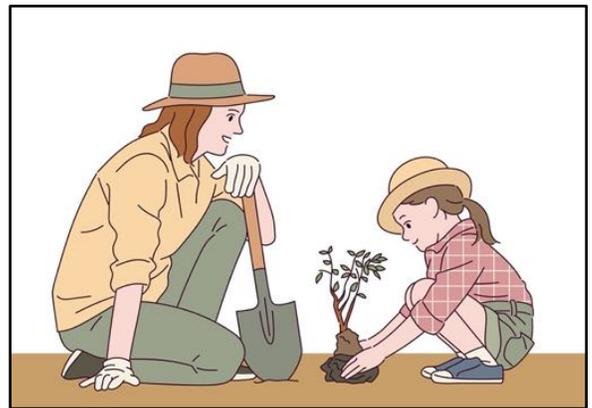
The years they kept passing, demanding still more
Of your time and your efforts and though you were sore,
You tended me carefully, knowing just what to do
And quietly you watched as I grew and I grew.

Well your tree is full grown; I have weathered the storms
And I'm now out of reach of your sheltering arms.
But the lessons you gave me are part of my roots
And I've learned they're important for bearing good fruits;

That courage, compassion, honesty, and pride
Are things that develop down deep inside
When a seed is showered with faith, hope and love
By a Mother only God could have sent from above.

And I'm thankful for all that you've given to me
For all that I am, and still hope to be.
For I'm grown, that is true, but I've further to go
As the seasons of time carry me with their flow.

And my heart is so joyful for the life that I've known
That I hope I can nurture the seeds of my own
With the same gentle care you unselfishly give
As I help them to dream, and to reach and to live.



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many contributors, photographers (Mert Davis and Walt Radda) and reviewers (especially Nancy Payne and my wife Helen) who have made this issue of the *Chronicle* possible. *Dennis Eaton*



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Birthday wishes to **Nell Holtom** who turned 94 on March 2, 2021.
- Congratulations to **Anneke Auger** who has been blessed with another grandchild on March 4, 2021. Haska Thea Marigold Auger is the daughter of Tim Auger and Jamie Kraus and a sister for Linus.
- Condolences to **Brian Switzer** on the death of his brother John Switzer on March 6, 2021.
- Congratulations to **Norm and Evelyn Reedman** who became great-grandparents on March 6, 2021, with the birth of Harper Ann Elizabeth Sheperd.
- Condolences to **Bill Walden** and family on the death of **Yvonne Walden** on April 8, 2021.
- Condolences to family and friends of **Dorothy Irwin** who died on April 12, 2021.
- Condolences to **Brenda and George Graham** on the death of Brenda's brother John Rothwell on April 13, 2021.
- Condolences to **Tarina Koty** and family on the death of her mother on April 15, 2021.
- Condolences to **Ialean Foster** and family on the death of her brother in Calgary on April 18, 2021.
- Condolences to the family and friends of **Lois Barnes** on her death on April 21, 2021.
- Condolences to **Vicki and Greg Welton** on the death of Vicki's mother, Pearl Truax, on April 22, 2021.
- Condolences to family and friends of **Donna Sidey** who died on April 25, 2021.
- Congratulations to **Susan and Les Davidson** who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2021.

Smiling

Poem by John Stack and submitted by Kay Reddick

Smiling is infectious
 You catch it like the virus
 When someone smiled at me today
 I started smiling too!
 I walked around the corner
 And someone saw me grin
 When he smiled I realized
 I had passed it on to him!
 I thought about the smile
 And realized its worth
 A single smile like mine
 Could travel around the earth!
 So if you feel a smile begin
 Don't leave it undetected
 Start an epidemic
 And get the world infected!



Photo Gallery



Karen Cartmell, daughter of Yvonne Walden, speaks at Yvonne's funeral on April 15, 2021.



A funeral service was held on April 26, 2021 for Lois Barnes.

Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour: Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Pam Burt

Are you missing time with your Cambridge Street United Church community where you can chat and catch-up with them? We are too! During this isolation period, it is healthy to connect with neighbours, friends and your church community. **Everyone is welcome to join in for a weekly Virtual Coffee Hour on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 via Zoom.**



Grab your favourite “cuppa” and enjoy seeing and hearing how everyone is doing. The format of the Coffee Hour will very much depend on the number of people who join in. We are simply providing a space for people to say “hi” and to check in with each other. Whether it’s for 20 minutes or an hour, the result is the same – the joy of connecting.

If you are interested in joining in, please send Pam in the church office an email and she will send you a Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom link. If you have not used Zoom before, just let Pam know and she will send you details on how to connect.

This virtual time is facilitated by Pam Burt and has received the support and blessing from the Congregational Care Team.

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Members of the Faith Development Team, Jim Phelps, Meryka Currie Wyman, Carl Kimmett (not shown) and Patricia Teskey (not shown) led worship on April 25, 2021.